



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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## **PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS DUE DECEMBER 11**

### ***Taxpayers Have a Number of Methods to Pay***

San Diego County property owners are reminded that the first installment of their 2000-01 property taxes is due Monday, Dec. 11.

County Treasurer-Tax Collector Bart J. Hartman said taxpayers have a number of options for making their property tax payments. These include payment over the Internet, an automated phone system, in person at the Treasurer-Tax Collector's main office in downtown San Diego, or at branch offices in El Cajon, Chula Vista, and San Marcos. Mailed payments must be postmarked by Dec. 11, and those made in person, by telephone, or over the Internet must be made by 5 p.m., closing time at the Treasurer-Tax Collector's offices. Payments can also be deposited in the drop boxes located outside the North and South entrances of the downtown office, 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego.

Back by popular demand at the downtown office will be the tent located on the South lawn. "We had numerous requests to again have a tent to facilitate making express payments," said Hartman. "We are hoping taxpayers will make use of the branch offices we added last year, but if they do choose to come downtown, we want to make the process as smooth as possible."

To save time, taxpayers are urged to mail their payments or make use of the various electronic payment options. To pay over the Internet using Visa or Electronic Check, sign on to the Treasurer-Tax Collector's web site at [www.sdtreastax.com](http://www.sdtreastax.com), and follow the prompts to the pay-by-Internet system. Property taxes also can be paid over the phone with a credit card. The number to call to pay by Discover card is (619) 236-2330, and the toll-free number to pay by Visa is (888) 245-4349. There are fees charged by the various providers for all these services. The specific fees are disclosed prior to completion of a transaction.

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Those who haven't received a tax bill, or need more information, can call the Treasurer-Tax Collector's 24-hour automated information line at (619) 236-2424. Branch offices are located at 334 Via Vera Cruz, #150, behind "Restaurant Row" in San Marcos, 198 W. Main St. in El Cajon, and 344 F St., Suite 200, in Chula Vista.

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